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Laurens County Ramp Closures...

## Beginning Monday Expect Delays as Work Continues on I-16 Eastbound on-ramp, Westbound off-ramp at Exit 42

What:

Rehabilitation work on Interstate 16/State Route (SR) 404 requires multiple ramp closures at Exit 42 (SR 338) through Friday, October 30 at various times for three separate stages of road surface work. These plans are heavily influenced by weather and may be adjusted if rain enters the picture.

The I-16 eastbound on-ramp at Exit 42 will close at 7 a.m., Monday, October 19 and remain closed through the morning of Wednesday, October 21. The westbound off-ramp at Exit 42 will also close Monday morning, but may reopen Monday evening. The contractor will be removing roadway slabs and pouring the slabs back with concrete. This work is divided into two stages over a two-day period.

Motorists should expect a detour to the next exit based on an eastbound or westbound direction. Exit 39 (SR 26) and Exit 49 (SR 257) will offer I-16 access points during these planned ramp closures through the end of the month. Citizens will be directed with signage and message boards to the next available I-16 exit. Please be mindful of the signage throughout the area, which will ensure you make it to your destination.

When:

Exit 42 eastbound on-ramp will close at 7 a.m., Monday, October 19 and will remain closed to motorists through the morning of Wednesday, October 21.

Exit 42 westbound off-ramp will close at 7 a.m., Monday, October 19 and may reopen Monday evening.

This is a WORK ZONE and extreme caution is necessary. Motorists are advised to reduce speeds as they travel through this and all work zones. Message signs, barrels and/or cones will be utilized to alert the public of the upcoming changes in roadway conditions and the detour. Drivers should be aware that personnel and equipment will be operating in close proximity to travel lanes.

**DriveAlert ArriveAlive** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit <a href="https://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA">www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA</a>. #ArriveAliveGA

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